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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, ex rel.

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

CASE NO. PUC000003

**Ex Parte, In re: Investigation of the
appropriate level of intrastate access
service prices**

HEARING EXAMINER RULING

November 30, 2000

On November 30, 2000, the Staff of the Commission filed a motion to request suspension of the procedural schedule in the captioned case. Therein, Staff states that it is close to reaching settlement with the Sprint companies, United Telephone-Southeast, Inc. and Central Telephone Company of Virginia. Staff testimony in this case is now required to be filed December 8, 2000, and Staff believes its resources would be more efficiently spent on finalizing a proposed settlement over the next week. Staff requests that the procedural schedule be suspended, however, Staff also recommends that a schedule be reestablished if a proposed settlement has not been filed by December 20, 2000.

Upon consideration of the Motion, I find that the parties to this case should have an opportunity to respond. Accordingly, it is ***DIRECTED*** that any response to the Motion For Suspension of Procedural Schedule should be filed on or before December 5, 2000.

Deborah V. Ellenberg
Chief Hearing Examiner